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In re U.S. Patent Application of

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**Examiner
Stewart, Alvin J.**

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

COVER LETTER

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

FOR	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE	CLAIMS PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	21	21	1 (Over 20)	x \$50	0
Independent Claims	1	1	-XXX (Over 3)	x \$200	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$360	0
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In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

[x] Response to Office Action
(with Claim Amendments)

[] Substitute Specification

[] Preliminary Amendment

[x] Request for Continued Examination

[x] Petition for Extension of Time (2 months)

[] Terminal Disclaimer

[] Letter to Draftsperson

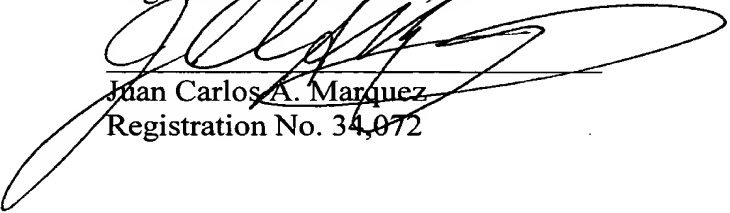
[] Assignment

[] Petition under _____

- [] Please charge my **Deposit Account Number** _____ in the amount of _____ to cover the fees for . A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- [x] Checks in the amount of **\$500.00** for the RCE fee and **\$225.00** to cover the two-month extension fee are enclosed. Applicant qualifies for small entity status.
- [x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, including fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account Number 08-1480**.

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